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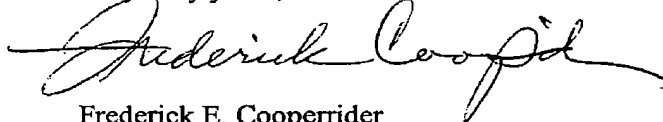
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/854,556  
Docket No.: 166539/00  
Our Reference: NEC.204

Dear Examiner Backer:

Enclosed is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, responsive to the November 5, 2004 Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Examiner: Backer, F.

For: DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD OF THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: